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Mr. Len A. Sanderson
State Highway Administrator
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1587

Through: Donald J. Voelker
Acting Division Administrator
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

We have reviewed your request to add the portion of the Northern Wake Expressway in the Raleigh area from I-540/U.S. 70 easterly to U.S. 1 to the Interstate System. This segment was designated a future part of the Interstate System under former Section 139(b) of Title 23 U.S.C. on June 6, 1996.

After careful consideration of the request, I find the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A) and the Section 139(b) agreement for construction to Interstate standards have been satisfied and hereby approve designation of the requested segment as part of the Interstate System.

The route numbering of the Interstate corridor as I-540 was conditionally approved by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials on April 21, 1996, and is hereby given final approval for this segment. The description for the 17.8-mile (28.7-km) route, including this 12.8-mile (20.6-km) extension, will read as follows:

I-540 From I-40 near the Raleigh-Durham International Airport easterly to U.S. 1 northeast of Raleigh.

Under 23 U.S.C. 119(a)(1)(B), this segment becomes eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds, and, under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(4), its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will become eligible for inclusion in the IM funds apportionment formula.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Peters
Administrator

cc: Donna Tamburelli-AASHTO

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